

The People of God called to form the Christian Community of

St. Mary's Church

280 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628 Parish Office: 201-384-0557

The
kingdom
of heaven
is like a
treasure
buried in
a field.

Matthew 13:44



*July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

MISSION STATEMENT

We the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, united in the Eucharist and under the guidance of St. Mary of the Assumption, strengthen our faith by praising God, proclaiming His word, sharing His love with all people and serving those in need.

St. Mary: Pray for Us

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stephen A. Carey, *Pastor*
Rev. David W. Milliken, *In-Residence*
Rev. Eugene J. Field, *In-Residence*
Deacon John L. Sylvester, *Permanent Deacon*
Mr. Luis Chavez, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mrs. Kathleen Sylvester, *Pastoral Associate for Liturgy/OCIA*
Dr. William J. Mascitello, *Pastoral Associate for Catechetics*
Mr. John Weiss, *Business Administrator*
Beth Miloscia, *Youth and Young Adult Ministries*
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Online giving: WeShare
stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com.

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Holydays (except Saturday): 7:00 am, 8:45 am, & 7:30 pm
Weekdays: Monday - Friday: 7:00 am & 8:45 am
Saturday: 8:30 am
Holiday: 9:00 am on Major Civil Holidays

RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturday following 8:30 am Mass.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of the month, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, in the upper church.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Private confessions at any time. Please call the parish office.
NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Sacrament of Marriage

Common policy of the Archdiocese of Newark asks that arrangements be made one year in advance. Engaged couples must call to make an appointment to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should register for the Baptism Preparation Program at the rectory even before the baby is born!

Weekly MASS Intentions

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Saturday 5:30PM	July 25 - Vigil Brendan Thornton
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	July 26 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time John and Anne Coleman Parishioners of St. Mary's Michelle L. Canlas (Living)
Monday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 27 - Weekday Mary and Maurice Lynch Celida and Miguel A. Madrigal
Tuesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 28 - Weekday Kathleen Oates Celso Deguzman Monillas
Wednesday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus Brendan M. Thornton Andrea Banzil
Thursday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 30 - Weekday George Boutillier Kathy Oates
Friday 7:00AM 8:45AM	July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola Rodolfo Santos, Jr. Rodolfo Santos, Jr.
Saturday 8:30AM 5:30PM	Aug. 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori Lemuel Magusara Anthony McGowan
Sunday 7:45AM 10:00AM 12 Noon	Aug. 2 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony and Anna Montagnino Bochicchio and Giunta Families Parishioners of St. Mary's



The **Bread and Wine** offered at this week's Masses are given in memory of Brendan M. Thornton requested by Claire Thornton.

Special Intentions

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in praise of God and for the intentions of the families of the Holy Rosary Divine Mercy Group.

This Week



Sunday – July 26

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir
11:15AM PACT New Parent Meeting
After 12:00PM Mass PALAD EB Meeting FDVRm

Monday – July 27

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:00AM Vacation Bible School

Tuesday – July 28

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:00AM Vacation Bible School
6:00PM Irish Step Dancing Summer Classes LS

Wednesday - July 29

After 8:45AM Mass OLPH Novena & Rosary UC
9:00AM Vacation Bible School
6:00PM TLC (Day Care) Open House LS

Thursday – July 30

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
9:00AM Vacation Bible School

Friday – July 31

After 8:45AM Mass Rosary UC
6:30PM Basketball SH

Saturday – Aug. 1

Sunday – Aug. 2

10:00AM & 12:00PM Choir

2026 Parish Summer Office Hours On Fridays Only



The parish office will close at 3:00 PM on **Fridays only until September 4th**. We ask parishioners to make a note of this change.

If you normally would need to get keys, etc., at the parish office by 5:00 PM on a Friday, please know that you will have to come earlier during the months of June until September.

Stewardship Reflection

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

The “Not Pastor’s Desk”

The latest **Directory for Catechesis** (published July, 2020) includes guidelines for how local communities/parishes should focus Religious Education efforts. If I recall correctly, in 2020 other concerns were at the forefront. As we have been attempting to get Religious Education back to “normal”, many in Religious Education have taken the time to check out the *Directory* and implement some of its priorities.

As I noted in a previous column, Pope Francis posits that *evangelization* should be the heart of Religious Education and should be considered “the center of our faith for all believers.”

As you read this, consider how you are called to be an *evangelizer* in the world today. We can all find ways to *evangelize* by word and deed in our lives, whatever our state in life. Supporting St. Mary’s Parish and our Religious Education efforts is part of how members of our parish can take part in the work of *evangelization*.

In our PACT/Religious Education Program, **Parents** are *evangelizers* through their role of “primary educators” of their children. They explore our faith in the context of their families, known as the primary *locus of catechesis*. They also work through materials at home, pray, and bring children to the parish for Religious Education sessions and mass. **Catechists** are *evangelizers* and play a specific role teaching and reviewing the faith with people in various age groups. For example, catechists work with children in PACT/Religious Education (Sunday mornings) and Sacrament Preparation (mostly weeknights). **Volunteers** assist us in our *evangelization* efforts via many supporting roles.

We are currently preparing for Religious Education sessions which begin in the fall. As an *evangelist* are you called as a...

Parent? Stay the course! Prioritize PACT/Religious Education. Register and attend consistently as a family every year. Invite others to do the same.

Catechist? Come forward and commit to parish Religious Education efforts as part of faithfully following Jesus Christ.

Volunteer? Your ongoing, prayerful efforts *evangelize* others in so many ways they cannot all be listed here.

Whether or not you are called to be involved in formal parish Religious Education efforts, recall that you- and all baptized faithful believers- are called to share their faith and take part in the Church’s central priority: *evangelization*!

Dr. Bill Mascitello

Serving in the Military

We ask God to keep in his care all those who are serving overseas in our armed forces. They are listed below and we ask your prayers for them.

Sgt. John Murray...Anthony Dunkin...Joseph Ament
Lorenzo Cortezano...Brandon Barhydt

Pray for Our Sick

John Ramzi...Rose O’Shea...Arvin Erd...Gary Barba
Brian O’Dowd...Margaret Manley...Tom Aquino
John Romaine...Anne Picciano...Lorraine Rolanti
Skylar Frye...Scott Tkacz...Sean Hayes...Antonio S.
N. Diamond...Heather S...J.C. Lasmanis
Anthony Montagnino...John Eckel, Sr...Marie F.
Teresita Ariola...Rolando Ariola...Allan Austria
Dolores Awid...Myra D’Silva...Daniel Thornton
Stacey Juhlin...Peter Halecky...Patricia Adone
George & Gerry Taylor...Any...Ryder Heckman
Karen and Jerry Kastner...Michelle Irimia
Bonifacio Riguerra...Ivan Ordonez...Jonel Tinio
Ryan McHugh...Baby James Thomas Formoso
Wilberto Guilgerto Canlas...Revan Thrawn Wrage
Laura Poznanski Clark...Kris Telesmanich
Filip Pindulic...Maureen Donohue...Helen de la Pena
Judy Sweeney...Nellie McHale...Jenifer Mayer
Virgilio Malapit...Michael O’Neill...Edgardo Ariola
Jose Nicholas de la Pena...Francesca Sverna
Baby Teddy Lang...Martha Velasco Rice...Bernie Ang
Eddie Aleong...Baby Rafferty Francis Mather
Anthony Maiorino...Melie Tiburcio...Liam Turvy
Mary-Ann Burke...Margaret Claire Burke
Euphemia Penaflor...Roberto Lozada
Gloria Naty Grande

Sick and Homebound Visit

If you or someone you know can’t come to the church and would like to receive communion, do confession, or would like to talk to a priest, please call the parish office at 201-384-0557. Fr. Carey will be glad to visit you.

Patient Privacy Reminder

A reminder to all parishioners, due to Patient Privacy regulations, hospitals cannot notify us when our parishioners are in the hospital. Please let us know or have someone call us so that one of the priests can visit you. Thank you for your understanding.



PACT/Religious Education Program

St. Mary's PACT/Religious Education Program

New Parent Orientations

Parish families with children in Grade 1 through Grade 8 who do not attend Catholic school should be enrolled in our parish PACT/Religious Education Program. Religious Education is curricular for Catholic Christian children from Grades 1-8 (we also have a Kindergarten group). Parents attend PACT sessions and work at home as part of our *Parents And Children Together* Religious Education program.

Families new to our PACT/Religious Education Program should contact us to set up a new Parent orientation via e-mail religious@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

PACT Program returning family re-registrations are due!

Faithful Catholics Needed!



Have you considered spending some time once per month with a group of young people in our parish to share your faith? Catechists keep our parish children on track as they gather for Sunday sessions with their peers. Some teach First Penance, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation at weeknight sessions. If you can help as a catechist, co-catechist, substitute, or in other ways with our Religious Education efforts, e-mail us at religious@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220. *All volunteers 18 and over who are part of Religious Education efforts at St. Mary's complete a volunteer application which includes a background check, and attend a Protecting God's Children session.*

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

July 27-31, 2026

Join us for a week of song, craft, story, games, and fun this summer as we explore God's Word! VBS Participants are grades Pre-K through 5. Helpers are grades 6-7-8. Aides are high school age. Registration forms are available in the church or the parish offices.



All volunteers 18 and over who help at parish programs with children including Vacation Bible School must complete a volunteer application and attend a Protecting God's Children session. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, e-mail vbs@stmarysdumont.org or call (201) 384-0557 extension 220.

Are You Registered?

If you have recently moved or even if you have been attending for years, stop by the parish office and register.

Why do you need to register?

There are many reasons such as:

- There's a feeling of becoming part of the parish community.
- You give the parish a chance to get to know you better.
- The parish will have a way to communicate with you by sending you emails or mails to keep you up-to-date on the parish news.
- **Registration is required** to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation or Penance, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Holy Matrimony.
- If you're planning to register your child(ren) to our **Religious Education program**, the families of those attending must be registered parishioners.
- When a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor or if a parish needs verification of your status as a practicing Catholic, these **can't be done if you're not registered**. You need to be registered as an active parishioner for at least **three months**.

Registering is easy. Come to the parish office and register! Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm, Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm and closed for lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society

Thank you to everyone who attended bingo this school year!

Because of your support, we were able to raise \$14,100 for St. Mary's!

We hope you have a blessed summer!

See you in September!



St. Mary's Food Pantry

July Collection

For the month of July, the St. Mary's Food Pantry will be collecting **canned goods** (vegetables, fruit, tuna, & beans). Please drop your items in the basket in the vestibule or by the door near the elevator in the upper church. Items can also be dropped at the Rectory during regular business hours. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please drop an envelope marked Food Pantry in the collection baskets or at the Rectory.

Thank You for your support!




St. Mary's Food Pantry

Children's Book Corner

A Summer Initiative for the Food Pantry

To promote a summer adventure by reading books, The Food Pantry will be collecting children's books (ages newborn to 15 years) to stock our Children's Book Corner. If you have any children's books you are willing to donate, please drop them in the food pantry baskets in the vestibule or on the elevator side of the church. Or bring to the Rectory during regular business hours.

We thank you in advance for supporting the learning and imaginations of the children who come to the Food Pantry.



God's Plan for Giving

*"The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you."
(Deuteronomy 16:10)*

Since we have to submit the bulletin early, the collections for July 18 - 19 will be in next week's bulletin.



Electronic/Online Giving is a convenient no hassle method, of making your Sunday offertory to the church. For more information or to sign up you can visit stmarysdumont.churchgiving.com from WeShare company. You can also contact the parish office for more details.

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

Report Sexual Misconduct Confidentially

The Archdiocese of Newark takes all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy, religious, and lay staff seriously. We encourage anyone with knowledge of such acts to contact us so we can take appropriate steps to protect others and support victims of sexual abuse. Please call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **201-407-3256** or visit www.rcan.org/protection-of-the-faithful for more information.

The Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service receives reports of sexual abuse or misconduct by bishops and forwards them for investigation. To report abuse, visit www.reportbishopabuse.org or call **800-276-1562**.

Pistahan sa St. Mary's

(Festival at St. Mary's)

The Filipino community of St. Mary's will be having a social event at Szelest Hall on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 6:30-10:00 pm, to celebrate the feast of the first Filipino saints, Sts. Lorenzo Ruiz and Pedro Calungsod. All Filipino parishioners of St. Mary's, and their families, are invited to a night of fun activities, meet-and-greet, fellowship and friendship. Dinner will be provided. For questions, please call Tates Abad or send text to (201) 936-0022 or email to aabad712@aol.com.

Free Rosary Repair Service

We have lots of parts. Send your broken rosaries in a padded envelope to:

Betty and Dick Holden
7930 Estero Blvd. #502
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

They will be repaired and returned to you within the week of receipt. Donations of old and broken rosaries are also accepted which will be repaired and sent on to the missions.

Include a note indicating repair and return to me or this is a donation.

Dick cell#239-463-3993, Betty cell#860-595-6370 or email holdenbnd@gmail.com.

Catechumenate

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you, or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available to be celebrated with anyone in need. Please do not wait until death is imminent to contact the parish regarding an ill family member. Eucharistic Ministers and others serve our community by visiting and bringing Communion to the sick and homebound. Please call the parish office if you wish such a visit.

Memorial Opportunity



The Paschal (Easter) Candle for 2027 has been ordered. We have five (5) memorial opportunities at \$280.00 each for this candle. Please call the parish office, 201-384-0557, if interested in donating a memorial for a loved one.

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration - Aug. 7th



On Friday, Aug. 7, we will have a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 6:00pm in the Upper Church. Reposition will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and spend some time with Jesus.

2027 Available Offerings

Bread & Wine:

Jan. 3, 17, 24 & 31; Feb. 7; Mar. 14 & 28; May 16 & May 23; July 4 & 11; Aug. 1, 15, 22 & 29; Sept. 19 & Sept. 26; Oct. 10, 17 & 31; Nov. 21; Dec. 19 & 26

Sanctuary Lamp:

Jan. 10, 17 & 31; Feb. 14; Mar. 14 & 21; May 2, 16 & May 23; June 27; July 4, 18 & 25; Aug. 1 & 22; Oct. 17 & 24; Nov. 21; Dec. 5

Academy of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Now Enrolling Grades PK3 - Grade 7 for the 2026-2027 School Year!

Discover a school where **faith, academic excellence, and community** come together. Serving **PK3 through Grade 8**, we provide a nurturing, Christ-centered education that prepares students for success in school and in life.

Contact Ms. Jordan, 201- 567-6491 and schedule a tour today to see the Mount Carmel difference.

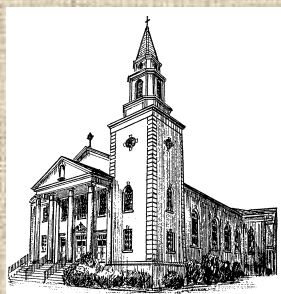
Address: 10 County Road, Tenafly, NJ
Website: www.academyolmc.org

Catholic Religious Education Sacrament Preparation

**Families with children in
Grade K - Grade 8**

E-mail us for information!

religioused@stmarysdumont.org



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